

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Appln. No. 10/026,210

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A plurality of independent and separate water control plumbing fixtures, each having a water control function different from another and each having a common decorative theme, each fixture for mounting on a support, which support has a normally visible surface and a normally non-visible surface, and wherein each fixture has water supply connections on the normally non-visible surface and has a functional and decorative element on the normally visible surface, and wherein the functional and decorative element of all such fixtures may be removed and replaced from the fixture from the visible surface without affecting the water supply connections on the normally non-visible surface,

each fixture including a waterway attached to the water supply connections, each waterway including a portion extending beyond the visible surface and into its respective functional and decorative element to supply water thereto, the portion of the waterway extending beyond the visible surface being substantially concealed by the functional and decorative element, and fastening means mounted on each waterway on the visible surface, each fastening means including means for attaching and removing its respective functional and decorative element from only the visible surface of the support;

~~wherein said support includes a means for tightening or loosening said support, wherein said means for tightening or loosening said support is located on said visible surface.~~

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17. (previously presented) The plurality of water control plumbing fixtures of claim 16 wherein one of said functional and decorative elements is a sink faucet.

Claims 18-22 (cancelled)

23. (previously presented) The plurality of water control plumbing fixtures of claim 16 wherein one of said functional and decorative elements is a shower arm.

24. (canceled).

25. (previously presented) A plurality of independent and separate water control plumbing fixtures, each having a water control function different from another and each having a common decorative theme, each fixture for mounting on a support, which support has a normally visible surface and a normally non-visible surface, and wherein each fixture has water supply connections on the normally non-visible surface and has a functional and decorative element on the normally visible surface, and wherein the functional and decorative element of all such fixtures may be removed and replaced from the fixture from the visible surface without affecting the water supply connections on the normally non-visible surface,

each fixture including a waterway attached to the water supply connections, each waterway including a portion extending beyond the visible surface and into its respective functional and decorative element to supply water thereto, the portion of the waterway extending beyond the visible surface being substantially concealed by the functional and decorative element, and fastening means mounted on each waterway on the visible surface, each fastening

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means including means for attaching and removing its respective functional and decorative element from only the visible surface of the support;

wherein said waterway opens into a water passageway in said functional and decorative element and said waterway forms a circumferential seal between an outer side wall of said waterway and a portion of the functional and decorative element.

26. (currently amended) The plurality of water control plumbing fixtures of claim 24-25 wherein said seal includes one or more seal rings located in annular grooves in said outer side wall of said waterway.

27. (new) A method of changing a bathroom décor comprising the steps of:
installing a plurality of modular plumbing fixtures, each modular plumbing fixture having decorative portions that have a first common decorative theme;
removing all decorative portions of said modular plumbing fixtures having said first common decorative theme without affecting underlying waterway connections; and
replacing said removed decorative portions with new decorative portions having a second common decorative theme.

28. (new) A plurality of discrete plumbing fixtures, all having a common decorative theme; each discrete plumbing fixture comprising:
at least one decorative element;
at least one functional element; and

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at least one combination element, wherein said at least one combination element has both decorative and functional purposes;

wherein each of said at least one decorative element and each of said at least one combination element is operable to be removed and replaced from above a normally visible surface without affecting underlying waterway connections.